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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JAPAN CONSIDERS LIBYAN OIL PURCHASE

PRESS REPORTS, [REDACTED] INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE STATUS OF LIBYAN "HOT OIL," AND RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SENIOR OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT JAPAN IS CONSIDERING ADVISING JAPANESE FIRMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DECEMBER 19 AUCTION OF LIBYAN CRUDE. THE JAPANESE CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THAT SOME OF THE OIL MAY BE "HOT" AND THAT ITS PURCHASE MAY INVITE "REPERCUSSIONS." EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT MITSUBISHI, FOR ONE, HAS DECIDED AGAINST PLACING A BID DUE TO PRICE CONSIDERATIONS. ACCORDING TO A COMPANY OFFICIAL, NO JAPANESE FIRM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN A RECENT AUCTION OF IRANIAN CRUDE AND THE PRICE OF LIBYAN OIL IS EXPECTED TO BE EVEN HIGHER. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 16247 AND STATE 246095, 12/17.

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2. THE VATICAN [REDACTED] *AS*

A VATICAN OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBASSY ROME THAT [REDACTED] *BS 1/13*

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3. VINOGRADOV TO GENEVA

CAIRO'S AL AHRAH REPORTED DECEMBER 16 THAT SOVIET AMBAS-
SADOR VINOGRADOV'S NEXT ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO HEAD THE
SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE UN EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS IN
GENEVA. THE PAPER ALSO REPORTED THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE
GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AS GROMYKO'S DEPUTY. [REDACTED] *BS 1/13*

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4. KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER REFLECTS ON MIDDLE EAST
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5. MASS RALLIES REAPPEAR IN CHINA

A CAMPAIGN APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO PLAY UP CHINESE SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA CLIMAXED OVER THE WEEKEND WITH SEVERAL MASS RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH KOREAN STUDENTS. CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG REPORTS THAT THESE RALLIES MARK THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF MASS POLITICAL ACTIVITY WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS IMPLICATIONS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SINCE THE REBUILDING OF THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 12656, 12/17. RUSH

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